

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 24th, South Dakota will again observe Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Legislature in 1947, South Dakota commemorates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April; and

WHEREAS, it has been said many times that Arbor Day is the one day we set aside to commemorate the future instead of the past; and

WHEREAS, tree planting is truly an investment in the future -- the future of our people, and the future of our state. It seems appropriate that we pause and reflect on its significance; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota derives many benefits from its trees; protection of our soils and farmsteads; raw materials for our forest industries; cover for our wildlife; and beauty for our homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests are a significant contributor to the quality of our natural environment;

THEREFORE, I, Frank L. Farrar, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby urge the citizens of our state, especially youth groups, to use this day to implement programs and activities that emphasize the planting of trees and their care and maintenance. I urge farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the various state and federal programs for conservation tree plantings on their lands. I urge our community leaders to make recognition of importance of trees to our cities and towns. By doing so, we can make a sound investment in the future of our great state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy.

*Frank L. Farrar*  
FRANK L. FARRAR, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Alma Larson*  
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE